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ATTACHMENT 4: Staff Report, 6/1/90,
with respect to hazardous material.



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STAFF REPORT

TITLE: Disposal of Waste Wallboard Material -
Georgia-Pacific Corporation

DATE: June 1, 1990

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Michael Jackson requested confirmation that no hazardous material is involved with proposed disposal of 20,000 tons of reject wallboard material on mining claims held by the Georgia Pacific Corp.

A review of the chemical composition of the wallboard material with Bill Wagner (U-932) by phone on June 1, 1990, confirmed no hazardous material was involved. The wallboard material is basically a gypsum product composed of hydrous calcium sulfate, kaolin and vermiculite.

Bill mentioned additional information could be obtained from the Utah State Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste (Mary Pat Buckman) and the Utah State Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

Phil Zieg

The discarded wallboard may be considered a solid waste or an industrial solid waste and may come under the EPA regulations dealing with solid waste disposal. The applicable regulations are 40 CFR Parts 241 and 257. If this is the case, the company could be forced to comply with stringent regulations concerning the disposal of the wallboard and the BLM could be responsible for enforcement and compliance to ensure that the regulations are complied with since the activity would occur on public land. Also, current BLM Policy is to discourage the use of public lands for the disposal of solid waste.

The regulations at 40 CFR Parts 241 and 257 define solid waste as:

any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility and other discarded material including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities.

Therefore, the wallboard could be considered a solid waste in accordance with the above definition. I recommend that we write to EPA and explain the proposal to them and ask them whether the disposal of the wallboard would fall under the EPA regulations governing the disposal of solid waste.

Gary Hall